

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Hiromichi TAKEMURA, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREDICTING THE LIFE OF A ROLLING BEARING, ROLLING BEARING SELECTION APPARATUS USING THE LIFE PREDICTION APPARATUS, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 30, Please delete sixth full paragraph and replace with the following new paragraph.

Figs. 34(a) and 34(b) are views showing graphs in which relationships between a life period, and the contamination degree coefficient and the bearing load are displayed in a parametric manner.

**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

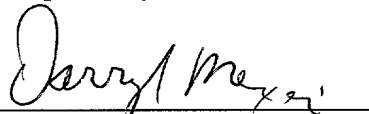
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AMENDMENT

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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**The specification is changed as follows:**

Page 30, sixth full paragraph;

Fig. 34 is a view showing graph Figs. 34(a) and 34(b) are views showing graphs in which relationships between a life period, and the contamination degree coefficient and the bearing load are displayed in a parametric manner.